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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: Application of Ryuichi SHIOHARA
IMAGE INPUT UNIT AND IMAGE INPUT METHOD
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q75182

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. PCT/JP02/00478 filed January 23, 2002 of Ryuichi SHIOHARA entitled IMAGE INPUT UNIT AND IMAGE INPUT METHOD.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, four (4) sheets of drawings, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) and Preliminary Amendment.

The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form will be submitted at a later date.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

This is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. PCT/JP02/00478 filed January 23, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>11</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u> </u>	x \$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00	
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u> </u>	x \$84.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00	
Base Fee									<u> </u>	\$750.00
TOTAL FEE									<u> </u>	\$750.00

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-014822	January 23, 2001

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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